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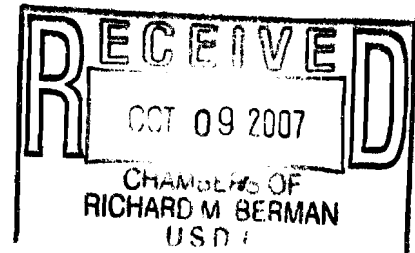
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MEMO ENDORSED

October 5, 2007



Hon. Richard M. Berman
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl St., Room 650
New York, New York 10004

Re: *The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. v. Delta Air Lines, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 07-CV-7745 (RB) in the United States District Court Southern District of New York

Dear Judge Berman,

We represent The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company ("Northwestern Mutual"), an appellant in the above-referenced appeal from a decision of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. After this matter was assigned to this Court, the Court issued a notice setting an initial conference on October 10, 2007, at 12:30 p.m.

Subsequent to the issuance of this notice, Northwestern Mutual and the other parties to this appeal, Delta Air Lines, Inc., the Post-Effective Date Committee, and the Bank of New York, as Indenture Trustee, filed a stipulation extending the schedule for filing the parties' initial briefs. The Court approved that stipulation on September 19, 2007. Under the provisions of the stipulation, the appellants' initial briefs are due October 8, 2007, and the response briefs are due November 13, 2007.

Counsel for Northwestern Mutual has consulted with counsel for Delta Air Lines, Inc., the Post-Effective Date Committee, and the Bank of New York, as Indenture Trustee with regard to the timing of the initial conference, and they have all agreed that the conference would be more useful, both to the Court and to the parties, if it were held after the parties' initial briefs and reply briefs have been filed. For that reason, Northwestern Mutual and the other parties hereby request that the Court continue the initial conference until December 6, 2007, or such later date as the Court deems proper. This continuance will place the conference after the initial briefs and reply briefs have been filed and allow the parties to be better prepared to discuss the relevant issues with the Court.

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Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at the number above or my colleague, Elizabeth Guffy, Esq., at (512) 226-0450.

Respectfully submitted,

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Usually, the idea is to settle
before spending the time + money +
trouble on briefs (since the
issues are already known to the
parties). But if that's what you all
want, we'll have a conference with
participation on 12/17 @ 9:00 + you will all
SO ORDERED:
Date: 10/9/07 *Richard M. Berman*
Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.
be expected to have negotiated in good
faith well before the conference.